

NURSE PRACTITIONER*

Function of Job:

Under general supervision and guidance of physician(s), deliver primary health care to adults, and provide individual and/or group health education and counseling.

Characteristic Duties and Responsibilities:

1. Elicit, record and evaluate a health, developmental and psychosocial history of both children and adults.
2. Perform a physical examination, excluding endoscopy, using techniques of observation, inspection, palpation and percussion, and auscultation and by making use of appropriate diagnostic tests.
3. Discriminate between normal and abnormal findings on the history and physical examination and refer the individual who needs further evaluation or care.
4. Initiate entry into the health care system by appropriate route.
5. Assume responsibility for on-going health maintenance and manage medical regimen of patients with chronic illnesses via established protocols: periodically evaluate the plans of care.
6. Provide effective, initial care of emergencies and initiate arrangements for continuing definitive care.
7. Initiate nursing measures to prevent complications.
8. Identify and manage minor or acute illness and initiate symptomatic treatment.
9. Counsel, guide and support people through the physical and emotional aspects of acute and chronic illness.
10. Perform periodic health evaluations in wellness and plans for health maintenance of patients.
11. Provide appropriate health teaching to patient/family.
12. Adjust medications and treatments as prescribed by or authorized by a licensed physician via established protocol.
13. Recommend non-prescription (over the counter) medications.
14. Conduct community clinics for case finding and screening for health problems.
15. Coordinate the health care needs of patients with appropriate interpretation, consultation and referral.
16. Operate medical equipment as required.
17. Supervise medical assistants in the performance of non-nursing activities.
18. Perform related duties as assigned.

Minimum Acceptable Qualifications

1. Graduation from an accredited school in an approved program of professional nursing.
2. Bachelor of Science in Nursing.
3. Possession of a current license to practice nursing as an Registered Nurse and an Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner in the State of New Hampshire.
4. Two years professional nursing experience as an Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner in women's health and general medicine.

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